GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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GRANTS TO PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware sanctioned grant provided to Panchayati Raj Institutions of various States particularly to Tamil Nadu has not been released;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to fix any time limit for releasing the this amount; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b) The Eleventh Finance Commission has recommended a grant of Rs. 1600 crore for each year ofits award period 2000-05 for Panchayati Raj Institutions of States.Out of this a total grant of Rs. 537.30 crore has been released to States during the current year so far. For the State of Tamil Nadu, the Commission hasrecommended a grant of Rs. 93.22 crore for 2000-01 and out of this, the grant amounting to Rs. 46.61 crore has been released to State Government so far.

(c) & (d) The Eleventh Finance Commission has recommended for release of grants to States over a periodof five years 2000-05 subject to fulfilling of certain conditionalities. The Government of India has accepted the recommendations of the Commission.

The main report of the Eleventh Finance Commission for 2000-05 together with an explanatory memorandum asto the action taken on the recommendations of the Commission was laid on the Table of the both Houses of Parliament on 27th July, 2000.